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In Retrospect

"And they that feared the Lord spake often with one another." (Malachi 3:16).

We have recently completed another series of district conferences and now look back on them in a spirit of reflection and appraisal.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the fellowship in the Church we have with our brethren and sisters in the British Mission. Your love and friendship shall always be cherished.

We commend you for your devotion to the Lord's work and urge you to organise your time efficiently so that you may "render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's".

Many investigators attended every conference session and manifest a sincere interest in Restored Gospel Truths. Some of you have already been received into the Church by baptism, others will follow. We pray that you may come to a fullness of knowledge and receive the witness of the spirit.

We recognised an awakening interest among non-members in a degree that, heretofore, has not been seen. That the "field is white and ready for the harvest" has never been more true.

Every meeting was characterised by a rich spirit of brotherhood. One sister attending her first conference said, "I have never seen such love." Another was heard to remark: "I have enjoyed every handshake of this conference."

The true spirit of the Gospel and good fellowship are inseparable. Branch leaders should encourage their presence in every meeting of the Church. Spiritual development, at its best, cannot be achieved where this love is lacking.

Sixty-four assigned talks were given on the theme: Alma 34:32 — "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labours". One hundred and seventy-five people were called from the audience to make extemporaneous response. Some of them were speaking before the public for the first time. In some districts husbands and wives were paired on the programme, thus giving emphasis to family unity in the Gospel Plan.

All who participated were spiritually enriched as were those who listened to the varied discussions on the theme.

We have a picture in our mind of you brethren and sisters returning to your home with a better understanding of the need of viewing this life from the standpoint of eternity—with eyes more clearly focused on life's purpose—lives more dedicated to keeping the commandments of God—hearts more disciplined to the things of the spirit.

We look forward with anticipation to the Autumn conferences that will bring us together again.

President Clifton G. M. Kerr
Sister Irene P. Kerr

The Temple Corner

... AT NEWCHAPEL

ON May 11, at 12 o'clock noon, about 1,500 people were on hand to witness the ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone of the British Temple. The spirit of the occasion was not dampened by the intermittent rains which fell during the early part of the services. Appointed to represent the First Presidency and the General Authorities and presiding at the occasion was Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the

Twelve, who set the cornerstone in place and gave the address and dedicatory prayer.

Placed in a copper box and sealed inside the cornerstone were the standard Church works, periodicals, clippings, photographs, documents and other mementoes of the occasion.

The Temple, which was designed by Edward O. Anderson, Church architect, and is being built at an



stone

approximate cost of £500,000, is scheduled for dedication in early Autumn of 1958.

When completed it will be faced with white Portland stone, roofed in copper and surmounted by a Portland stone tower with a spire covered in lead-coated copper, the tip of which will rise 160 feet above the ground. The construction site is at Newchapel, near Lingfield, Surrey, about 25 miles south of London.



Elder Evans sets the cornerstone in place

THE PROGRAMME

GREETING - - - - -	- - - - -	Elder Richard L. Evans <i>(Of the Council of Twelve Apostles)</i>
SONG - - -	"Praise To The Man" -	<i>(Congregational)</i>
INVOCATION - - - - -	- - - - -	Elder Kenneth Burton Kimball <i>(Great-Grandson of Heber C. Kimball, First British Mormon Missionary, 1837)</i>
GREETING - - - - -	- - - - -	President Clifton G. M. Kerr <i>(Of the British Mission)</i>
GREETING - - - - -	- - - - -	- James P. Hill <i>(Representing Members of the Church in Great Britain)</i>
VOCAL DUET - - -	"Open the Gates of the Temple" -	Marie Chiles and Jean Taverner <i>Accompanist: Heloyce Hanson</i>
PRESENTATION OF SOUVENIR TROWELS - - - - -	- - - - -	Sir Thomas Bennett <i>(Of T. P. Bennett & Son, Temple Architects)</i>
READING OF CONTENT OF CORNERSTONE BOX - - - - -	- - - - -	Elder Wallace K. Penrose <i>(Great-Grandson of Charles W. Penrose)</i>
ADDRESS, LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION - - - - -	- - - - -	Elder Richard L. Evans
SONG - - -	"The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning" -	<i>(Congregational)</i>
CLOSING SONG - - -	"God Save The Queen" - - -	<i>(Congregational)</i>
BENEDICTION - - - - -	- - - - -	Frederick W. Oates <i>(Member of Mission Presidency)</i>

GREETINGS

at the Cornerstone Laying

by **PRESIDENT CLIFTON G. M. KERR**

IN the Sermon on the Mount the Master taught his disciples the principle of going the second mile with those who would ask them to go one mile.

This teaching has found expression many times as this temple project has progressed. I want to especially recognise the personal interest shown by Sir Thomas Bennett, Mr. Winslade, Mr. Mennie and others of the architectural firm of T. P. Bennett and Son—an interest beyond the call of duty.

Likewise, all those associated with the contracting firm of Kirk and Kirk, have been equally cooperative and helpful.

Our dealings with the public officials, who, by law have had to approve many details of this struc-

ture, have been most pleasant and rewarding.

To all we extend our sincere thanks and the assurance that this temple, when completed and in use, will raise the moral and spiritual standards of all those who enter it. By the same token it will raise the community and national standard in a proportionate degree.

To our friends not of the Church, who are here, we bid you welcome and encourage you to interest yourself in learning more about our church and the spiritual message we have for mankind.

I know that many of you brethren and sisters who are members of the church have travelled most of the night in order to be here at this hour. Others were up as early

THE CROWD OF 1,500 INCLUDED CHURCH MEMBERS



as 4 o'clock a.m. with your children to be ready to leave at 5 o'clock and have been travelling until a few minutes ago. Some have foregone their summers' holiday and made other sacrifices to be present. We commend you for your faith and devotion.

We also have here today 180 young missionaries who have come from various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Some of you may not know that these young people, averaging about twenty-two years of age, serve voluntarily for a period of two years without compensation; being supported from their own savings or by their families and friends. In order for all of them to be here without undue burden to any one, their travel costs have been averaged; each paying the same amount for transportation regardless of distance. This is an example of the spirit of this work and of Christian brotherhood in action.

We appreciate the presence of representatives of the press and commend them for their efforts to be fair and factual in reporting this and other activities of the church.

But above all, I express gratitude for the freedom of religion

and of worship in this great land, without which this day's events would not have taken place and this structure would be still on the drawing board or just an idea.

It is a matter of current knowledge that some existing systems of government would crush religious freedom, as they also trample underfoot other sacred God-given rights of man. I rejoice in the fact that this great nation and our own country are so closely allied in an effort to maintain such freedom for ourselves and to lend assistance to others who wish the same privilege. May our Heavenly Father bless and prosper this union of interest that such freedom shall not perish from the earth, and may God bless the efforts of men and nations everywhere to find a basis for peace on earth and good will to man.

May I also leave you a prophetic thought that the significance of what we do here today, as it relates to the completion and use of this Temple, will grow and expand with the years.

May God bless and protect us from accident as we return to our homes, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS & OTHER INVITED GUESTS



ADDRESS AND PRAY

AFTER brief opening remarks, Elder Evans conveyed to the British Saints and missionaries "the greeting and love and blessing of the President McKay and the First Presidency and the Brethren of the General Authorities," and said that "President McKay would like to have been with you today as you would like to have had him here, and especially asked that we express his love and blessings to you."

Elder Evans then continued, "For the significance of what is happening here today we shall have to go far back to some beginnings—back to the beginnings before time began, to the grand theme of all the ages, as man has ever asked himself, Whence?—and Why?—and Whither?"

"And that story is a stirring story—attested by scripture. It has moved the prophets, and has

stirred the souls of the poets. Milton dwelt upon it in part in his *Paradise Lost*. Wordsworth must have had some earnest intimations of it as he wrote his *Intimations of Immortality*.

Our birth is but a sleep and a
forgetting :
The soul that rises with us, our
life's Star,

Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar :
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do

we come

From God, who is our home.

"We shall leave this grandest of all grand themes for the last, and turn for a moment or two to the beginnings of the Latter-day work in this beloved land."

Elder Evans then gave an account of the first events in the rise of the Church in the British



Sir Thomas Bennett
presents Elder Evans
with a
souvenir trowel

ER OF DEDICATION

*Excerpts from the
address and full text of
the dedicatory prayer
delivered by
Elder Richard L. Evans
at the cornerstone
ceremonies of the British
Temple at Newchapel
May 11*

by **ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS**
of the Council of the Twelve



Isles, of Heber C. Kimball and his 6 associates who first brought the Restored gospel to this land in 1837 and of their activities and successes here.

He then went back to another beginning—to the true account of a New England farm-boy who, in the spring of 1820 in answer to his prayers, had the heavens opened up before him and was “given to know, by sight and sound, that God indeed was a real and personal Father, who had made men in His own image, and that Jesus His Beloved Son stood by His Father’s side, as a personal, immortal, resurrected Being.

“From this there followed, under divine authority and direction the restoration and organization, on April 6, 1830 of the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the form and function of the primitive church, a church of apostles and prophets, with power and authority to administer in its ordinances.

“It is a world-wide Church, bearing the name of Christ, remarkably practical, believing that the opportunities of time are an important part of eternity; wonderfully hopeful and committed to happiness, believing that men are that they might have joy; eagerly devoted to learning, believing that the Glory of God is intelligence, and that no man can be saved in ignorance; accepting the Bible, but believing also that God spoke to other peoples besides those of ancient Israel, and that his inspired words to his prophets among his

'other sheep,' are also scripture; the Book of Mormon being one such work, it being a sacred and secular history of some of the ancestors of the American Indians. It is a Church intensely devoted to freedom, believing that the Lord God meant men to be free—and that every man must know what he believes and make his choices, and eternally receive the rewards of his works.

"There are many other distinctive beliefs, even to mention which would call for another occasion. And one of the most distinctive is that which pertains to Temples, which differ from chapels and we should like briefly to distinguish between the two.

"This, the fourteenth temple built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in this, the dispensation of the fullness of times—the first such temple to be built in Great Britain, the second in Europe, and the third in the British Empire, there being one also in Canada, and another under construction in New Zealand. We have some 95 branches of the Church in Great Britain, and some sixty Church-owned chapels, and nearly 4,000 chapels throughout the world, in all of which all sincere men are welcome. But temples are not places of public worship. They are for purposes that are sacred.

"Now as to the great questions, Whence? — and Why? — and Whither? — and the tying of these questions to the purposes of holy temples:

"We have already cited Wordsworth who said. 'Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting.'

"Simply stated the story is this:

"That man was in the beginning with God.

"That we are literally His spirit children.

"'We have had fathers of our flesh,' Paul said, 'which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?' (Heb. 12:9).

"We knew him there. We were with him in the heavens before time began. Having arrived at a certain point of progress, we needed the experience of mortality for our further progression.

"A Grand Council sat in the heavens to consider these eternal plans and purposes.

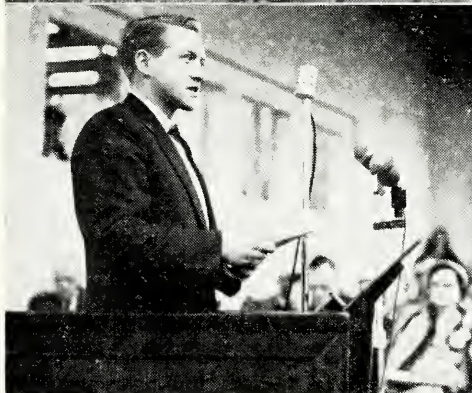
"It was proposed that we should come here with the memory of our pre-existence taken from us, and with a few simple commandments to keep, and with a need for searching, for working, for having faith—and with freedom to choose.

"But Lucifer had another idea. He was brilliant but rebellious. (One of my beloved associates has said that Lucifer must have thought God was very old-fashioned.) Lucifer offered to bring us all back into our Father's presence—but on his own terms. He wanted to enslave men's souls (as many do today), and to take his Father's honour and glory and power.

"When Lucifer's offer was rejected, he rebelled, and there was war in heaven, and he and the hosts that went with him lost their eternal opportunity.

"Adam, who was one of the eminent characters in the councils of heaven, agreed to come here and take on mortality, knowing the

PARTICIPATING . . .



● *Song by Marie Chiles and Jean Taverner*

● *Reading of contents of cornerstone box by Elder Wallace K. Penrose*

● *Remarks by President Clifton G. M. Kerr*

● *Closing song — conducted by Jean Taverner*



● *The Temple site before construction work began*



● *Groundbreaking by President David O. McKay, August 1955*

risks, and knowing that in doing so he would become subject to death.

“But Adam also knew that a Saviour would be sent—for Jesus the Beloved and First-born Son of the Father, offered himself as an atoning sacrifice, knowing that he would suffer and die for us, and that he would break the bonds of death, so that *all* men would be resurrected—‘For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.’ (1 Cor. 15:22).

“Adam had the Gospel in the beginning. It isn’t something that has evolved in the minds of men. And significant similarities in the world’s great religions are because of a common origin, and not because of something that developed separately. The Gospel came from the Lord God; but men, by their waywardness and indifference and lack of faith have lost it from time to time. And the authority to administer in its ordinances, has had to be restored by direct divine bestowal, repeatedly in the past, as in

the days of Noah, and of Abraham, and Moses, and others. And it was lost again during the Dark Ages, and had to be restored again in this, the Dispensation of the Fullness of Time.

“All this is scripturally attested—if we will search the scriptures, as we have counselled to do. It is written in Genesis that all things were created—spiritually created—before their mortal existence. (Gen. 2:4-5).

“It is indicated in Job that the sons of God shouted for joy when the foundations of the earth were laid. (Job 38:4, 7).

“And we read that Jeremiah was ordained to his mission before birth. (Jer. 1:5).

“Peter records that ‘God spared not the angels that sinned,’ (2 Peter 2:4). And in Jude we read of the angels which kept not their first estate. (Jude 1:6): and in Revelations, that there was war in heaven, and that Satan was cast out into the earth (Rev. 12:7, 12).



● *Under construction
November 1956*



● *Cornerstone laying*

- *Scheduled for completion
and dedication in early
Autumn of 1958*

TEMPLE PROGRESS



“ It is all there. Either it is true or it isn't. Either we believe it or we don't. Either men are immortal or they aren't. (And each of us had better find out for himself whether he believes these things to be so or not.)

“ What has this to do with Temples? Just this:

“ That life is a thing of eternal continuance, and that God has prescribed certain essential ordinances, for man to reach his highest eternal opportunity.

“ It would seem that all Bible believing people would agree there are certain sacred and essential ordinances. You will all recall, for example, that our Saviour said, ‘ Except a man be born of the water and of the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’ (John 3:5).

“ And since he said it, he must have meant it.

“ And since he must have meant it, it must have applied to all men. And then the question comes: What of those who died without knowing the Gospel? What of those who died without adequate opportunity to accept its ordinances? Is God just? Are they to be for ever damned? Are our forebears, or our loved ones who have left us, to be deprived of eternal privileges? Obviously if something is universally required, some provision must be made to make it universally available. Would we be interested in heaven if we knew that our forebears, through no fault of theirs, could not enter therein? They have gone from us, but baptism is an ordinance of this earth. And one purpose of temples, is to provide for this and other essential ordinances to be performed for all people, of all times,

who have had no adequate opportunity in this life to accept these essential ordinances themselves.

“ Such vicarious work is not new. Our Saviour himself did for us what we could not do for ourselves—and Paul gave evidence that the early apostles and the people of the Primitive Church understood this ancient practice, in his question to the Corinthians: ‘ Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?’ (1 Cor. 15:29).

“ Peter records also that our Saviour, during the days between his death and resurrection, preached to the spirits in prison ‘ who were once disobedient in the days of Noah.’ (1 Peter 3:19, 20). Would he have preached to them if nothing could be done for them? We believe that something could be done, and that the Gospel will be taken to all men of all time who have lived and died without adequate opportunity to accept it—and that others here on earth will by proxy perform for them the required ordinances. This is one part of the purpose of temples.

“ Another purpose is the performance of marriages—not marriages that continue only for time—not only until death do us part—but marriages that perpetuate the beloved and meaningful oneness of family life for time and all eternity.

“ Some weeks ago, on Easter Sunday, on a nationwide CBS broadcast with the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir and organ, we asked the question: What if loneliness were everlasting? It is a pertinent and acute question to those who have lost loved ones—to

parents who have lost a child, to those who have lost beloved life-long companions. We can bear short separations—but ‘What if loneliness were everlasting?’ One of the most comforting sentences from our Saviour was his assurance to his apostles: “That where I am, there ye may be also. (John 14:3).

“What would heaven be, really, without the continued, cherished companionship of those who mean the most.

“Our Saviour also said to his Apostles: ‘Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.’ (Matt. 18:18). Such is another purpose of temples: for binding together, by this authority, which is in the earth today, the whole family. We are not alone in life. We belong to an eternal family. The work performed in temples, pertains to these and other sacred and essential ordinances, obedience to which our Father has assured us will bring these things about.

“We shall all go from here through the door called death, and shall all rise through a literal resurrection, but, as Paul said, to different degrees of glory. (1 Cor. 15:40-41). We should not want our friends to think that we think we are better than other men are. Our Father loves all his children. And all men will receive a just and generous reward for all their

works. But God is a God of law and order, and he has given certain commandments and ordinances—and our place in his Kingdom shall be according to our keeping of His commandments, and complying with all His prescribed ordinances.

“I cannot give you the ultimate answer as to why these things are so, and as to why these ordinances are essential—why the experience of mortality is essential to eternal progression; why Adam had to take on mortality to accomplish our Father’s purposes for us; why it was necessary for our Saviour to come to us as an atoning sacrifice; why he had to do what he did to break the bonds of death, that all of us might be resurrected; why he said baptism is necessary for all men; why marriages must be performed by the power of the Holy priesthood for continuance of the family in eternity; why other required ordinances are essential to man’s exaltation and highest happiness.

“But these things have been witnessed by the prophets of the past, and of the present, and by the revelations of the mind and will of God. And if we were to reject all we cannot fully explain, we should have to reject most of the realities, including life itself, for who can explain how life came to be in the first place—and who can deny that we live. And I am willing to trust Him who gave me

NEXT MONTH: The second and final part of the article, “Heirs of God and Joint Heirs With Christ” by Paul Banham, was not able to be published this month because of the Temple cornerstone news. It will appear in the July issue of the *Millennial Star*.

life here, to give me life hereafter, and to make it ever more meaningful. As Pascal asked: 'Which is the more difficult, to be born, or to rise again?'

"With the sobering awareness upon us of what it means to bear witness, to other men, yet we would witness here this day that these things are true, and that the purpose of this Temple ties in with all that pertains to the highest happiness and peace and progress of man in eternity.

"It is these convictions that have caused our people to erect this and other temples, for specific sacred purposes. It is these convictions that have brought us here today to lay the cornerstone of this Holy House.

"And of this also we would bear witness: that God does live in literal, personal reality; that He did make us in His own image; that we were with Him before we came here, and that it is His highest purpose to bring to pass our immortality and eternal life, with a joyous, happy and everlasting reunion with our loved ones.

"We would witness also, that Jesus, the Christ is the divine and only begotten Son of God the Father in the flesh, that He is our Saviour and will come again as He has said.

"These things are real to us. I never knew my own father. He was taken from us by an accident, when I was ten weeks old. But I watched my sainted mother rear nine of us, facing life full of faith, and never doubting—indeed, knowing, that she would some day gently step through the door of death, and find him waiting there, and that they two would walk together always and for ever.

"May God bless you—bless us all—with His peace and protection, and the guidance of His spirit, and with an awareness of the swift passing of time, and of limitless realities of eternity, as we all seek our way back to our Father's presence, from whence we came, I pray in the name of our beloved Lord and Saviour. Amen."

* * *

And now will you join with us in a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication:

Cornerstone Prayer of Dedication

O GOD, our eternal Father: Our gratitude rises up to Thee for the occasion that calls us together. We are grateful that the walls of a temple are rising in this great and good land, which, upon completion, will be dedicated unto Thee as Thy Holy House.

We thank Thee, our Father, for all the events and circumstances which have made possible this point of completion, so that we can lay this cornerstone and dedicate to Thee what we have done to this day.

We thank Thee for friends gathered here; for architects and artisans, for the builders and directors of the building, whose talents and integrity are rearing these walls to last unto the far reaches of the future. Grant that they may continue to completion this work without untoward incident or accident.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who a century and twenty years ago, first walked upon these shores in bringing the word of Thy latter-

day work to this land, even Thy servant Heber C. Kimball and his associates, who in poverty, left their families, and came here friendless, but were aware of Thy spirit going before them to give a harvest of souls, which has borne fruit here and elsewhere widely over the world.

We thank Thee for this land with its long traditions for freedom, including freedom of worship, and for its sovereigns, and statesmen, and people who have, with Thy help, preserved the climate of freedom through the centuries, so that Thy servants could come here in the first year of the reign of the gracious Queen Victoria in 1837, and proclaim the restoration of the Gospel of Thy Son.

We are grateful that from this land have come tens of thousands of faithful men and women who, having heard the truth have accepted it. We are grateful for those who have stayed here to strengthen the Church; and for those who have left to live in other lands, and whose sons and grandsons have come back to carry Thy word and to continue Thy work in this, the land of their fathers.

¶ We thank Thee, our Father for those who, over the centuries, have planted and cared for these grounds, and that Thou hast rewarded their work with the beauty that is here. And when this work shall be finished and finally presented unto Thee, let it be a place of spiritual beauty, as well as physical beauty, that all who come here may be moved by it and draw nearer unto Thee and have their hearts touched, and their lives lifted, that the whisperings of Thy

spirit may teach them eternal truth.

Let Thy blessings be upon the inhabitants of this area, upon public officials and private citizens, and all who have helped; and for their hospitality and helpfulness, let them, our Father, feel a share in this, Thy work, and receive satisfaction unto their souls.

Grant that this place, this holy Temple, may be a symbol here of truth and righteousness, and a blessing to this county and community, and to all the land round about.

Let Thy blessing be upon Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the gracious sovereign of this land, with all her family, and household, and advisors, that their influence for peace and freedom and righteousness may be far felt.

We thank Thee for the friendship and traditions we have in common with this great nation.

Bless, our Father, those who direct its affairs. Give them the wisdom and the inspiration of Thy holy spirit and strength and courage and discernment in their labours for the cause of peace and understanding and good will among men and nations.

We pray for the First Presidency of Thy Church, and for all who have been called of Thee as Thy prophets, seers, and revelators, during this dispensation, even unto Thy servant, President David O. McKay, who first dedicated this place for this purpose, and who later returned to break the ground on which this temple is now rising. Preserve him, we pray Thee, in health and strength, and in full measure of vigour and enjoyment of life, that though his years are now past four score, that if it be

Thy will he may yet again return to us here to dedicate this Holy House unto Thee upon its completion.

We are grateful also for the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and all the General Authorities, who help to set in order the affairs of Thy Church in this our day, with apostles and prophets and the same offices and callings that Thy Son didst appoint unto the Church in His ministry on earth.

We ask Thy blessings, upon all Thy servants, in the wards and stakes and missions and branches everywhere in the world.

Let Thy blessings be upon the President of the British Mission, his family and all his associates, upon the members and those who carry responsibilities throughout the branches and districts of this great mission, and upon the young men and women who serve here as missionaries. Give unto them peace and comfort, guidance and direction, and a glorious sense of accomplishment in the faithful labours they perform without compensation, except that compensation which comes of Thee, and which is rewarding above all else in life.

Let there be among the officers and members and missionaries, and among the youth of Thy Church, the spirit of peace, of understanding, of increased faithfulness and devotion, of brotherly love and kindness, of righteousness and freedom from transgression and sin, from evil thinking and gossiping and evil speaking. Let Thy spirit permeate their lives, and abide in their homes, and bring peace to their hearts, and prosper them in their employment, and stir

them up to righteous endeavours for the furtherance of Thy work.

And if any of them be estranged from their families or friends for their acceptance of Thy truth; if any feel alone or deprived any privilege, O Father, let the comfort that comes only of Thee be theirs, for we know that Thou art in debt to no man, and that all blessings which Thou has promised the faithful and the obedient will come to those who are faithful and obedient.

We thank Thee, Father, for the tithes and the offerings of Thy faithful people in this land and elsewhere, that have helped make possible this and other sacred structures for the furtherance of Thy work.

We thank Thee for the progress made here and in other lands; for all the material gifts that Thou hast given; for the temple now rising in New Zealand; for those completed elsewhere, and for others that shall yet be built to Thy holy name and Thy holy work.

We are grateful to Thee that Thou and Thy Son didst reveal Thyself unto Thy servant Joseph Smith who petitioned Thee in prayer, and didst reveal anew to him that Thou didst make men in Thine own image, and didst cause to be revealed anew Thy eternal plans and purposes for Thy children, and authorise the restoration of Thy Church again on earth, and that out of tribulation and poverty and persecution, Thou hast caused it to grow and flourish and to carry the message of eternal truth throughout the nations of the earth.

We thank Thee for all that Thou hast revealed, and for the assur-

ance that Thou wilt continue to reveal many great and wonderful things; and for the witness we have of our relationship to Thee, and Thy love for us; and of the divine mission of Thy beloved Son, Jesus the Christ who came to earth and broke the bonds of death that all men shall rise from the grave unto everlasting life; and that our Saviour and Redeemer will come again as Thou hast promised by Thy holy word, and through Thy prophets.

We are grateful for the knowledge of Thy plans and purposes for bringing families together in a glorious oneness that will continue throughout eternity as that which is found on earth "shall be bound in Heaven". (Matt. 18:18), and as the heart of the fathers is turned

to the children "and the heart of the children to their fathers..." (Mal. 4:6, 5).

O Father, let Thy faithful saints here and in other lands nearby, so order their lives in righteousness and devotion that it may be their privilege to enter here, and receive for themselves with their loved ones those blessings that pertain to eternity, as well as giving peace and assurance and comfort and strength through the years of time.

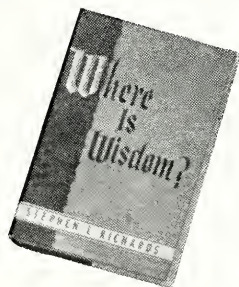
Grant, that the sorrowing and those whose lives have been burdened with sin, those who have lost their way, those who are discouraged, those who are in ill-health, those who are beset with doubts, those who struggle in indecision, grant that all may have their lives lifted, as their hearts and
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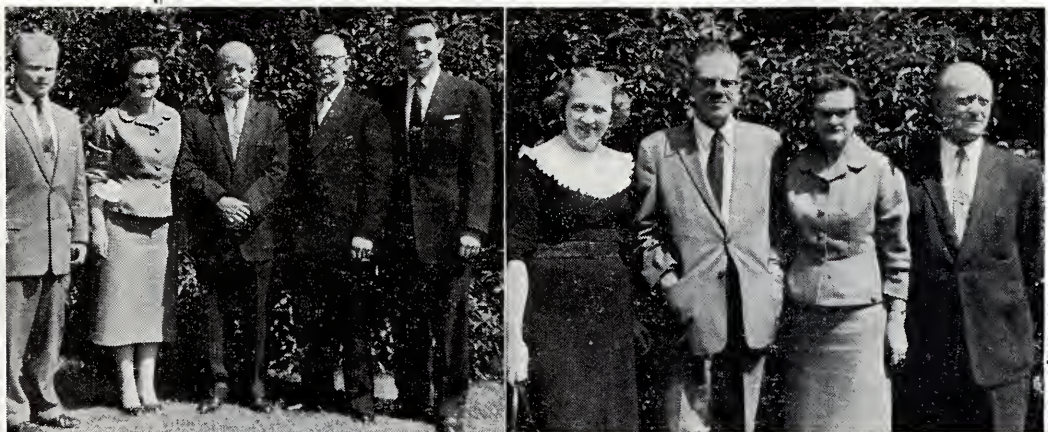
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British Missionary Conference

186 missionaries from all parts of Britain gathered at "Ravenslea", South London, on May 10, for an all-missionary conference. Attending the meeting were Elder H. H. H. of the Council of the Twelve, with Sister Evans, President and Sister Clifton, and the other members of the British Mission Presidency.

Following some remarks of encouragement and instruction by President H. H. H. Evans, the time was turned over to the missionaries. During the course of the conference they had the opportunity to stand and speak their thoughts and convictions, their experiences and the joys of their work. Sister Kerr and Sister Evans also spoke.

There was not enough time to hear from the many more who would have liked to speak, but the testimonies and the thoughts that were expressed and the spirit that pervaded the feelings of everyone and made the day one long to be remembered.



souls earnestly reach unto Thee to be comforted and guided and directed and given strength and made whole.

Let Thy peace and protection be over this place, that all who enter, and all who approach, may feel the peace and assurance of Thy hallowed purposes, and let neither the elements nor any act of man desecrate or damage or destroy, and let no unclean thing enter here, but let Thy sweet and holy influence abide here.

O Lord, our God, grant that all

these things may be—that—these blessings and petitions may be realised upon those assembled here, and on all who are represented by them, and on this nation and on this people, and all the faithful members of Thy Church, and on all Thy children everywhere, according to their needs and desires and faithfulness in keeping Thy commandments.

Let this house rise as a witness to all the world that Thy Gospel has been restored to be proclaimed anew in the earth as foreseen by

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186 BRITISH MISSIONARIES AT "RAVENSLEA"

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◀ ELDER AND SISTER EVANS, PRESIDENT AND SISTER KERR

Thy servant John, who, looking out upon future events, even unto the latter-days, recorded in the Book of Revelation: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come:" (Rev. 14:6-7).

We dedicate unto Thee this cornerstone, truly laid in this Thy

Holy House which rises to Thy name, and the contents of the box placed herein we seal away as a witness of Thy words and Thy works, and as a witness to all men of the Restoration of Thy Gospel and Thy Church.

By virtue of the Holy Priesthood which Thou hast granted unto me, and by the appointment of the First Presidency of Thy Church, I pronounce these blessings and this prayer and petition, in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Branch and District Activities

Birmingham

On Monday evenings about twenty members of the Northampton Branch meet together to study French. The lessons are given by Sister Roughton who has been studying languages.

The Northampton Saints would like to express their joy at the continued progress of Sister Sylvia Neale. Sister Neale has been a shining example to all who have known her for some considerable time. She has just returned home after spending seven months in hospital following a road accident. Besides the injuries which kept her in hospital she has also suffered from deafness for quite a number of her twenty-one years. During her time in hospital, Sister Neale would write her Testimony down and send it to the Branch President to be read during Testimony Meeting. Unfortunately, this dear Sister is not yet well enough to attend church but is looking forward to the time when she can bear her Testimony in person. Sister Neale's Mother has borne this time of trial and worry like a true Latter-day Saint.

On April 6th, the Nuneaton Branch held a successful social under the direction of the Branch Presidency. Games and dancing with good food provided by the Relief Society made the evening a success.

Bristol

Weston Branch Primary organised a Social on April 5th. All

arrangements were made by Primary Mother, Sister A. M. Richards, Sister M. Jones and Sister E. V. Thorne.

On Easter Monday, April 22, the Bristol Branch visited Dundry, just outside the city, with its very high look-out tower. While some enjoyed playing games, the rest of the party decided to explore this very ancient tower. After climbing and stumbling up the very steep narrow stone steps, winding around and around in pitch darkness to the top, a wonderful view was their reward. The coming down was an ordeal, as no one had thought to bring a torch, but curiosity was amply satisfied.

The Bristol M.I.A. held a "hobo" social on May 4, and found that the average tramps of today are well dressed compared with those "tramps" who arrived clad in their indescribable rags and tatters. The price of admittance was fourpence and one jam jar, the latter being used for the drinks. Sandwiches, chipalatas, and cakes were handed to the guests in paper bags. Several members mimed a skit entitled "The Tramps." The grand march which was a parade of the "good old hasbeens" preceded the prize-giving, which was judged by Brother Wills who failed to recognise the true identity of the first prize winner. He thought it was someone from another branch, and when the winner, who was dirty through a liberal application of soot, and wearing old dentures

with all the teeth broken off except one in the front, replied in her soft Scottish accent, "Sister McGhee," it was greeted with roars of laughter. Sister McGhee is over seventy. Sister Figures took second prize dressed like Long John Silver complete with eye patch and odd shoes and socks. Another wore one Wellington boot and one shoe with pants in ribbons, another a sawdust ring-master with a battered top hat. They all had a good time at this "Tramps' Night Out."

On March 26, the Bournemouth Relief Society held a surprise party celebrating Sister Esmi Aubrey and Elder Ronnie Bray's coming marriage. She was presented with dress-making scissors and teaspoons from all the Relief Society with a vote of thanks for all her help. She will be greatly missed by us all here at Bournemouth.

April 1, found everyone in the Bournemouth Branch in high spirits at the Fellowship Hall, where President Harry Summersell presented his "Cafe Continental," which consisted of a delightful floor show. Brothers Babidge, Moorland, Murrey and Carpenter presented "The Four Gay Italians." Songs were sung by Brother Kenchington, Elder Bray with his banjo, President Johansen and Brother Colin Summersell, and dancing by Sister Carol Summersell. Sister Esmi Aubrey did the announcing and the refreshments were under the direction of Sister V. P. Kilbey. Waitressing were the two small Sisters, Carpenter and Lepp, supervised by Sister Dilys Carpenter.

Hull

The big event of the month of March was District Conference on

the 10th, which proved immensely inspiring. All who attended felt the great spiritual influence present.

March 10 and 16 saw the culmination of long-held hopes and desires when the baptism of Brother Joseph H. Thistleton and Brother Jack Spurr took place. These brethren have been attending and holding office in the Church for many years and now the conditions holding back their progress have been resolved, they are numbered amongst us. We look forward to many years of combined effort together. On the evening of March 16, a St. Patrick's Day social and dance was held at which a performance was given by three invited guests artistes, Sister Doris Scott arranging the invitation. A very enjoyable evening was held. Sister Maureen Wilkinson left these shores in the *Saxonia* on March 22 to travel to Alberta, Canada, to join Brother Robert Rasmussen, after which they will enjoy the blessings of a Temple marriage. They hope to visit the Salt Lake Temple during their honeymoon. March 19 was the occasion of the farewell social for Maureen, and a wonderful time was had, tempered only by the thought that this was to be the last time we should be seeing her for a long time. Presentation of a set of table napkins and tablecloth was carried out by President Aubrey.

Finally, a social and dance was held on March 30th, the accent being on dancing, and though the attendance was not as large as usual, a very enjoyable evening was held.

April was a rather quiet month for the Hull Branch as only two social activities were held. The first was a Sunday School Social held on

April 13 at which the entertainment was provided by Sunday School teachers and pupil. The show was stolen by two five-year-olds, Valerie Kennington and Stephen Aubery, who sang "I'll be your Sweetheart". The second activity was a dance held on April 27 which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Tuesday, April 9, was the birthday of Scarborough's oldest member, Sister (Gran) Barker. She celebrated it with an impromptu party put on by the M.I.A. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Scarborough Branch Priesthood football team played Cayton in a friendly match at Cayton. Although the wind was cold and strong, a good game resulted, but Cayton team won with a score of 5-3.

Scunthorpe M.I.A. held a very successful social on April 27. Among the entertainment provided was a harmonica solo by Brother Albert Taaffe, humorous recitations by Brother Edward Crosby and Sister Heloise Drayton while the Branch Presidency gave an amusing skit. After the refreshments, games were played under the able direction of Brother Edward Crosby. Some thirty members and investigators were present which all helped to bring about a really good spirit.

Members of the York Branch enjoyed a fancy dress party on Saturday, April 13. There were costumes of assorted colours and styles and prizes were given for the most original costumes. The games and dancing were organised by Sister Hall and proved to be very enjoyable. Brother McCabe rounded the evening off very well by giving an entertaining mime of "Blueberry Hill". Refreshments, including soup

and rolls, were prepared by members of the Relief Society. Proceeds went to assist the Branch Budget Fund.

Irish

The Budget and Maintenance Committee of Belfast sponsored a concert under the guidance of the Primary Officers and Teachers. The Primary children provided most of the entertainment and their performances were excellent.

Belfast Relief Society held their Anniversary Banquet on March 18. Over thirty sisters attended and spent a wonderful evening together.

On April 22, the Irish District held their annual hike to Knocka Monument. Some 70 members supported the occasion. There were plenty of games for everyone, and the weather was very beautiful. The day was attended with a "Weiner Roast" at the foot of the hill. After singing the songs of Zion we made our way home—tired, but very happy Latter-day Saints.

Leeds

The members of the Bradford Branch will for many years have special cause to remember with love and gratitude their dear Sister Mary Tidswell, who bequeathed to the Branch a considerable sum of money, much of which has been spent on remodelling, repairing and decorating the chapel. With the installation of the beautiful electric clock the chapel is now completely transformed from the dull, drab, though commodious old building of the style of mid-Victorian utility to a symphony of pastel blues, pinks, pale grey and cream. The lovely colours reflect the joy of the gospel and its message of light and beauty.



*A typical
genealogy
session in
Scarborough
Branch*

On Thursday, April 4, an M.I.A. social was held in the Leeds Branch. This social was set aside as a farewell party for Sister Barbara Phillips, who has served as a teacher in Sunday School and also as Beehive leader. She has certainly left a great empty space in the Leeds Branch, and everyone misses her. The social was conducted by President Tassell and all the members contributed to the refreshments and a very good time was had by all present. During the evening Sister Phillips was presented with a figurine on behalf of the members of the Leeds Branch in appreciation for her many services.

A social was held in the Halifax Branch on Saturday, May 4. The social was to raise funds for the Sunday School. The evening was split into several activities. Games were played, entertainment was presented, Brother Walker fixed his television for a cowboy picture, and refreshments were served by the Relief Society. One item of entertainment was given by two guest

artists, who gave some good renderings of negro spirituals and other solo numbers.

Liverpool

Blackburn Branch held their usual monthly social on Saturday 13 of April, the theme on this occasion being Easter. Prizes were given to those bringing the prettiest Easter egg decorated by themselves. The Primary children enjoyed a visit to the Easter Fair on Tuesday, April 23. They were accompanied by the Primary Mother, Sister Ida Jackson and everyone had an exciting time. Sister Dorothy L. Shorrock was released as Relief Society President on April 28. She had held this office during the last ten years and everyone in the Branch is extremely grateful for her wonderful work. Blackburn Branch Priesthood members are busy putting the finishing touches to the new stage in their recreation hall.

The M.I.A. in Burnley Branch was opened on the 3rd of April

under the supervision of Brother and Sister Cyril Barker. An opening M.I.A. social was held on March 30 when everyone present had a jolly time and enjoyed refreshments served by the Burnley Relief Society sisters. Support to the event was given by members from the Blackburn and Rawtenstall Branches. A Baptismal service was held on the 20th of April and ten new members were baptized. This was a wonderful event and will long be remembered by all who took part.

A farewell party was given for Sister Janet Cartwright who was a well-loved member of Liverpool Branch. She sailed for U.S.A. on April 11 to join her sister in California. Everyone really enjoyed the social which concluded with a presentation to Sister Cartwright of a train case.

Although Easter Monday was rather a dull day the branch took the opportunity of visiting Loggerheads in North Wales. The weather improved during the day and everyone had an enjoyable time.

The combined Gold and Green Ball of the Liverpool and Manchester Districts was a wonderful success. It was held on Saturday the 27th of April in the Town Hall at Bury and this proved to be a most suitable venue for the occasion. Apart from the dancing a cabaret was held and items were given by the Liverpool Branch Skiffle Group and the M. Men and Gleaners presented an exhibition of square dancing. Sister Lucy Nicol contributed an unusual item when she gave an exciting Mexican dance "a la Bamba". The Liverpool Branch won the prize for the best attendance effort—a seven-volume set of the Church History. The

Liverpool District congratulates Brother Crookell who organised the event so well.

Preston. The Sunday School held a Social on Saturday, April 13, to raise funds for the coming Mothers' Day programme. The theme was an Easter one and everyone including President and Sister R. F. Williams enjoyed the party. The refreshments included "hot dogs" and were very much enjoyed. Preston Branch held their annual ramble on Good Friday and the spot chosen this year was the lovely village of Calder Vale. The village churchyard was visited and much genealogy work was accomplished.

Brother and Sister Fullwood celebrated their Silver Wedding on March 23; they gave a grand party for members and friends of the Liverpool Branch in honour of this very happy occasion.

Liverpool Relief Society gave a Hot-Pot Supper on March 25 and entertained their guests with a very successful play.

M. Men and Gleaner week was celebrated at the end of March in Liverpool with parties, film shows, a roast beef dinner and a slumber party. The week was concluded with a fine Testimony Meeting.

An interesting item comes from Rawtenstall where the missionaries, Elders Linford and Brown, have obtained petrol-driven cycles. They are doing wonderful work in this new Branch and it is hoped that a baptismal service soon will reward their untiring efforts.

On Good Friday, April 19, members of the Wigan Branch enjoyed a ramble to Rivington Pike a well-known local beauty spot. Congratulations to Sister Marie Byrne who has been successful in

obtaining her S.R.N. She is the daughter of Brother R. Byrne and Sister M. Byrne.

London

Forty-two Sisters of the South London Branch celebrated the one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the organisation of the Relief Society by having a banquet on March 16. The tables were delightfully decorated by Sisters Jean Taverner and Dorothy Underwood and a three-course dinner was enjoyed by the sisters. The elderly ladies of the Branch were the guests of honour and after toasts by two District Officers, Sisters Rock and Price, a corsage was presented to each of them.

A Farewell Party was given by the Brighton Branch in honour of President Mitchell and his family on May 3. They have been "Mum and Dad" to Brighton Branch for many years and will be sadly missed. They are wished every happiness and success in their new venture.

April 9 saw the Romford Saints gathered once again at the home of Brother and Sister Hart for yet another farewell party, this time in honour of the Botterill family who are shortly emigrating to Canada. The sisters provided plenty of food for the occasion and as a going-away present the Botterills were given a sheet and pillowcase set.

West Drayton Branch held a social on April 26 to celebrate their first birthday. Each member was asked to show thirty-six slides on the screen, this was particularly interesting as each one had chosen not only places of interest but a different country they had visited.

Catford M.I.A. held their first

dance on April 27. Through the courtesy of the South London Branch Presidency the dance was held at "Ravenslea" and many members of the South London Branch attended. The entertainment was provided by Elders Christensen, Hamblin and Pierce, and the M.C. was Brother George Broderick.

An exhausting hike was held by Catford M.I.A. on April 20 when the countryside around Biggin Hill and Keston Lakes was thoroughly explored, more thoroughly than was originally intended as the party managed to get themselves lost and had a brief, though lively encounter with some animals which were afterwards variously described as cows, bulls, and horses. The evening was spent in recuperating at the pictures.

The Newchapel Branch held a M.I.A. Social on the 27th of April in the Newchapel M.I.A. room. The admission requirement was to wear something odd, which had surprising results. The games and eats were enjoyed by all who attended.

Manchester

The Musical Festival held in Rochdale on April 6, certainly did not lack for talent and it is very difficult to mention any particularly outstanding item. Rochdale Branch's "Children's Chorus" and the song by the two Primary boys Darrel Woodhead and Peter Withington, "A Mormon Boy", were most delightful, and we were, of course, impressed by the effort made by the District Board comprising Sisters Jean Clark and Sheila Robinson and Brethren Timmins and Harold Crookell who sang "Old McDonald had a farm", with (sometimes) appropriate actions.

Brother Harold Crookell (who was in charge of the proceedings) professed himself delighted and hinted at bigger plans for next year.

The District Social for April was held on the 13th instant under the auspices of the Oldham M.I.A. and proved very enjoyable. Outstanding items in the programme included a novelty number sung by the Relief Society and a ballet dance by Della Brown, aged 5, "The Irish Washerwoman". Old time Music Hall songs were led by Brethren Norman Wood and Alan Brown. The refreshments were provided and served by the Relief Society.

The Green and Gold Ball held on April 27 was a huge success. Sponsored by Manchester there were 340 in attendance. A prize was offered to the Branch selling the greatest number of tickets and as the Liverpool had been invited to attend there was great competition between the various branches in the two Districts, however Liver-

pool Branch proved most successful and became the fortunate possessors of seven volumes of Church History.

The Floor Show was presented by the Liverpool District and consisted of Square Dancing and a Skiffle group and also a solo Mexican Dance. The hall was very tastefully decorated in green and gold by Brethren Alan Crookell and Timmins, and the dancing was compered by the Manchester District M.I.A. Supervisor, Brother Harold Crookell.

On Easter Monday a coach-trip was arranged and a very happy party travelled to Stratford on Avon where they visited the Shakespearean places of interest and beauty spots in the neighbourhood.

On April 2 over 50 people attended a Farewell Social in honour of Brother Tom and Sister Bessie Beverley of Ashton-Hyde Branch and their two children who were sailing for Utah. Brother Beverley had been Branch President of the

Nottingham District outing to Newstead Abbey



Ashton-Hyde Branch for 2½ years and Sister Beverley (née Heaton) had been a very active member of the Church locally and in the District. They will be greatly missed and we wish them every happiness in their future life. On Good Friday a pioneer trek was organised to Gower Hey Wood on the outskirts of Hyde by the Sunday School. The children enjoyed searching for and following the signs that led to a secluded spot by a little brooklet. A Weiner Roast was the highlight of the day. After the fire was built up Brother D. Grimshaw played on his guitar as the gathering sang pioneer songs. At 5 p.m. after extinguishing the fire and clearing up the litter the saints made their way back to the P.S.A. Hall for games; the weather was ideal and helped to make the outing a memorable occasion.

Bury Branch is going ahead with enthusiasm with their plans for their new chapel. On Good Friday an outing was organised and after a tour of inspection, committees were formed—Brother Stocks (with power to co-opt) was put in charge of the decorating and beautifying of the premises whilst Brother Arnold (with power to co-opt) was put in charge of the garden. The large lawn in front of the chapel proved very satisfying to the youngest who played games, and the younger boys were intrigued with a miniature railway track set up in the barn.

The Oldham Branch M.I.A. organised a social on Easter Saturday in aid of the Sunday School funds. Delicious refreshments were provided by Relief Society, and dancing and games made the evening very enjoyable.

The saints of the Rochdale Branch took a packed lunch and had a ramble to Birtle Dene on Good Friday and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Brother Sylvester Dale and his wife Joyce (née Smith) with their baby returned from America just recently and are expected to settle shortly in London.

Newcastle

A Mothers' and Daughters' social was held in the Darlington Branch on April 30, 1957. Supper was served by the sisters and consisted of soup, cold beef and potato salad, cake and orange juice. A sketch, games and dancing rounded off a most pleasant evening. The proceeds will be used to assist the Welfare Fund.

On April 3, Newcastle City Branch Sunday-School presented a symphony concert to aid their funds. Music composed by Brahms, Mendelssohn and other famous men was presented.

May 1 the Sunday School followed this up with a "Pop" record night, this being enjoyed most by the younger members of the Branch.

The Primary held a Jumble Sale on May 6 which augmented their funds by £6 13s. It was very well attended.

The brothers and sisters of the Newcastle City Branch are soon to launch on a redecorating project. It is hoped that through the efforts of each we can once more beautify the building.

On Saturday, April 20, the M.I.A. Arts and Crafts exhibition was held in the Sunderland Branch under the direction of Brother H. Grey. Newcastle Branch won the handicrafts exhibition by just half a point from



Sister Joyce Lundgreen and Sister Ranee Larson teaching the children of the Aberdeen Branch, with their teacher, Sister Lilian Parle, an Indian song

the Sunderland Branch. Banners were awarded as follows :

Drama and Dancing — Sunderland Branch.

Music and Speech — Newcastle Branch.

Only three branches participated in the events. Sunderland Branch received the M.I.A. Shield for the most number of points in the contest. A very enjoyable time resulted from the efforts of the M.I.A. and a high standard of proficiency was displayed by those taking part.

Sister Norma Dixon and Eileen Plemper were honoured at a social on March 13, when they each received a handbag from the members. They will soon be emigrating to Canada. The M.I.A. was in charge of the entertainment and refreshments.

Norwich

Easter Sunday was an especially notable day for Chelmsford Branch members. It saw the culmination of many weeks of work on our new chapel. The Sacrament meeting was the opening meeting of the new building. We were fortunate to have with us President and Sister Kerr and President Kemp of the Norwich District. The meeting was

well attended and fine talks were given by both President Kerr and President Kemp. How wonderful it is to be able to enjoy the peace and reverence of such a place and circumstance. We hope that many Saints from around the area will come and enjoy meeting with us in the atmosphere of spirituality that pervades there.

Nottingham

On Easter Monday, eighty members and friends enjoyed a district outing to Newstead Abbey, historic seat of the Byron family. Activity in the spacious grounds were organised by President Oliver Storer, Elder Wm. Rolfe Kerr, Brother Donald Bland and Sister Muriel Cuthbert and included football (English and American style), softball, races, and other games. All joined in energetically and had a wonderful time; the ice-cream floats provided by the missionaries were especially appreciated.

Mansfield Branch are to hold a social each month in their new building, proceeds going towards the building fund and provision of teaching aids. The second social, organised on April 5 by the Sunday School under Superintendent Sister

Susie Massey, attracted sixty-four members and friends. Items were presented by the children and after refreshments, games and dancing began.

On April 5, a Jumble Sale was organised jointly by Peterborough Relief Society and Primary, whose funds benefitted by £4 from the proceeds. A farewell social was given on April 12 to Elder and Sister Brammer. Games were enjoyed by all, and the social finished with an impromptu floor show, with local members each "having a go". Sister Brammer was presented with an embroidered table-cloth, worked by the Relief Society and Elder Brammer a travelling-clock.

Nottingham Relief Society held a Social on April 2 under the direction of Sister Fletcher. Seventeen sisters attended and enjoyed an evening of games. On April 28, the Branch was favoured with a piano recital by Mr. John Williams. Mr. Williams lectures in music and is also organist to Greasley Parish Church; his service to the Church on this and other occasions is greatly appreciated. Elders Ralph Stewart and Rolfe Kerr spoke to a Church of England Youth Group on April 28 on general principles of the Gospel. Many questions were asked and tracts were left with the group to stimulate further interest.

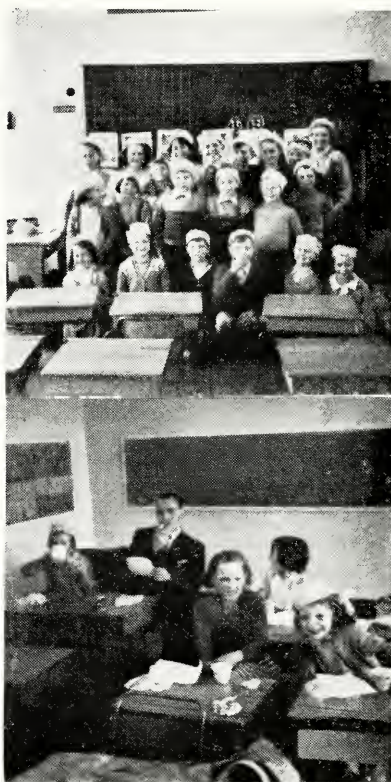
Two brethren of the Eastwood Branch also had appreciative audiences during April; Brother James Martin addressed the Langley Mill Ladies Guild on "Scripture Lost and Scripture", and President Sydney G. Hill gave a film-show at Smalley, Derby, on "The Stick of Joseph" and "Historic Highlights of Mormonism".

Twenty-eight sisters of the Leices-

ter Branch were entertained at a Ladies' Night on April 9 organised by the Priesthood. A wonderful spirit prevailed and the evening was a great success. A Farewell Social and Dance was held on March 20 for Brother Peter Jackson who was celebrating his twenty-first birthday and preparing to leave for service in the Coldstream Guards.

On March 31, Mothers' Day, 74 attended the morning service in the Leicester Branch. Each Mother received a posy of flowers.

On April 9, at the Leicester Chapel, the Relief Society sisters



An Easter party in the Pollock Primary, Scottish District

were invited to a supper given and prepared by the Leicester Branch Priesthood. Among the sisters present were several very old members who were welcomed by Relief Society President, Sister A. Lenton. Short talks were given by Brothers Ford and Kendle. Photographs were taken by Brother L. Sullivan. Later singing and dancing were enjoyed by all under the direction of President A. E. Porter.

Twenty-two members of the Leicester Branch spent an enjoyable day on Easter Monday rambling from Mountsorrel to Newtown Linford, a distance of seven miles. Sister Kathleen Lenton was in charge.

Scottish

The District Conference was held in Glasgow on April 28, and it was attended by more than at any other time. Each Branch was well represented. President and Sister Kerr presided during their short stay. Also with them were Sister Reed and Sister Hanson of the London office. President F. W. Oates was also in attendance. All the meetings were very spiritual and some wonderful testimonies were given.

The Gold and Green Ball was held in Glasgow on Saturday, April 27 under the direction of Brother Proctor, M.I.A. District Superintendent. The dances were many and varied. Brother Porch officiated as Master of Ceremonies and introduced a trio, consisting of three Glasgow members, Sister Forsyth, President Richardson and Sister Scott, singing "Smiling Through" in different tempos finishing up with a rock and roll version which kept everyone laughing. President Penrose also sang, much to the delight of the group. Mr. McReady of the

Paisley Branch played the bagpipes, which especially pleased the missionaries who were present.

Brother Proctor wishes to thank all the Saints and friends who attended the dance and all those who worked so hard to make it such a success. It was wonderful to see all the Saints together having such a grand time.

A bus-load of Saints from Edinburgh left for the Scottish District Conference in Glasgow on April 28. Old friendships were renewed and new friends made. Even with a wet journey home, nothing could dampen the wonderful spirit felt at this Conference. It is hoped that the many resolutions made to do so much more in the future, will not fade away but the brotherly love and Gospel understanding gained at this Conference will sustain the Branches until it is time to meet again.

April 18, the Paisley Branch M.I.A. invited the Church of Scotland Youth Fellowship to attend their meeting. During the programme, the Elders took over the question period and assisted in answering their questions. Afterwards refreshments and a dance were held.

Pollak Primary held an Easter Party and the children who attended gave small sketches for the entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments including the Elders.

Sheffield

The Sheffield District Genealogy Convention was held on March 9, there was a record attendance and Sister Lucy Ripley presided. It was grand to see so many taking interest in Genealogy and shows that the news of the progress of the Temple is spurring members on to greater efforts to seek after their dead.

Welsh District Activities



Basketball game and scenes from a recent Welsh District Eisteddfod

The singing of "Come, Come Ye Saints" by a Welsh Choir (see write-up)



The first social was held in Rotherham Branch on March 2. It was a District farewell to President Lund who returned from his tour to say a final "goodbye" prior to his sailing. There was a very good crowd to say "bon voyage" and to present him with a silverware set from the District. Barnsley Branch gave him a sweater. The fine programme was arranged by Brother Hope and Sister Schofield, the District M.I.A. Supervisors. The participants on the programme did a great job of entertaining the guests.

Welsh

The Welsh District Elders played Cardiff University in a basketball game on April 6. After a good game, the Elders winning with a score of 64—50, they were invited to dinner at the Student Union Building.

Following the monthly Preparation Meeting this same day, the Welsh District was favoured with a highly successful Eisteddfod which was inaugurated by Merthyr Branch. The Master of Ceremonies was Merthyr's President, Brother Emlyn Davies and the judges were Elders Robbins and Romney together with Brother Arthur Smith. The Eisteddfod was divided up into various groups which included art, poetry, singing, special musical items and piano playing. The renderings were of a very high standard and the judges had a very difficult task in determining the winner of each item. Each Branch took part in the various competitions and points were awarded to the Branch from whom the winners came. This resulted in a win by Merthyr closely followed by Cardiff. The Saints left the Cardiff Branch with a feeling in

their hearts of something well done. It has been decided to carry on with such meetings as these, each Branch taking a turn to prepare an evening's entertainment to follow Preparation Meeting.

On April 11, 240 women belonging to various sisterhoods, came together in Newport to sing a concert of hymns. The Conductress, Mrs. A. M. Baron, invited the Elders to attend. She had become acquainted with the Church at the time of the Tabernacle Choir was touring Europe. President McKay sent her copies of "Come, Come Ye Saints" and it was sung by the entire chorus that night. It was the only hymn to receive such overwhelming applause that it was sung twice.

Births and Blessings

Deborah Louise, the infant daughter of President and Sister Cawley of West Drayton, was blessed by her father on April 21.

A son was born to Brother and Sister Thomas Ford of Leicester on April 10.

A daughter was born to Brother and Sister John Taylor of Nottingham on April 11.

A baby daughter was born to Brother and Sister Adams of the Scarborough Branch on April 30.

The three young sons of Brother Ronald Mander were blessed on April 7. Brian, Geoffrey and Philip each received a blessing at that time.

The infant son of Brother and Sister John Flowers was blessed on Sunday, March 24.

Brother and Sister Marshall of Glasgow had their new baby blessed on April 7. The baby was given the name of David Marshall.

Also blessed at this time was Brother and Sister Adiar's baby and given the name of Paul Reed Adiar.

Diane Louise was the name given the baby daughter of Brother and Sister Green of Edinburgh on April 7.

Brother and Sister Mills of Edinburgh were twice blessed with the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl, on April 20.

Ann Cunningham, daughter of Brother and Sister Ronald Cunningham of Newchapel, was blessed by her father on February 3.

On April 7, the baby son of Brother and Sister Geoffrey Hoyle was blessed by his father and given the name of Mark, at Rochdale Branch.

Also blessed at this time were the two small sons of Brother and Sister Andrew Stocks, Clive Anthony and Philip Nicholas, of the Bury Branch.

Engagements

Sister Valerie Woodgate and Brother Barry Thorne became engaged on April 13.

Sister June Turner of the Belfast Branch has announced her engagement to Elder Garth Hair of Spanish Fork, Utah. Both have served missions in the British Isles.

Sylvia Mills is engaged to Derek Ian Whalley of the Oldham Branch.

James Booth and Patricia Dudley of the Bury Branch have also announced their engagement.

ORDINATIONS:

Birmingham District

Raymond Gene Bowker of Worcester to Deacon
William Raymond Arntzen of Worcester to Deacon
Terence George Jones of Worcester to Teacher
Philip Dixon of Birmingham to Elder
Derek Dixon of Birmingham to Elder
Robert Alfred Moorhouse of Birmingham to Deacon
Alan William Tisdale of Birmingham to Deacon

Bristol District

Edward Brian Murray of Bournemouth to Deacon
John Bahidge of Bournemouth to Teacher
Ronald Alhert Morland of Bournemouth to Deacon

Hull District

Harry Adam Asbby of Grimsby to Teacher
Harold Grant of Grimsby to Teacher
Christopher Jenner of Grimsby to Deacon
Frank Martin of Grimsby to Deacon
David Good of Grimsby to Deacon
David Horwell of York to Priest
Ralph Scott of York to Teacher
Raymond Scott of York to Teacher
Ernest William Henry Church of York to Teacher
David William Adamson of York to Teacher

Irish District

Thomas Nelson L. Millar of Belfast to Priest
Robert Devenney of Belfast to Priest
Ethelbert Paindavoine of Belfast to Priest

Leeds District

George Brown of Dewsbury to Elder
Boris Roberts of Huddersfield to Deacon
Douglas Rawson of Bradford to Deacon
Peter Harold Leonard of Bradford to Deacon
Albert Mortimer of Bradford to Deacon

Liverpool District

Peter Lovatt Gibson of Liverpool to Deacon
Keith George Fisher of Liverpool to Teacher
Michael James Nugent of Liverpool to Teacher
Peter Haydn Newton Watson of Liverpool to Elder
Harry Butler of Liverpool to Elder
Norman Henry Rickard of Wigan to Elder
Ronald Hay of Preston to Elder
William Stanley Warren of Preston to Elder
Raymond Scott of Preston to Priest
Brian Ascroft of Wigan to Elder

London District

Peter Mathias Spanner of West Drayton to Teacher
Phillip Henry Towner of Reading to Deacon
Joseph Zammit of North London to Elder

Manchester District

James Booth of Bury to Priest
Andrew James Stocks of Bury to Deacon
Robert Edward Dickie of Ashton-Hyde to Deacon
Norman Wood of Oldham to Elder

Newcastle District

Edward Baker of Newcastle to Deacon
John Gibson of West Hartlepool to Teacher
Alan K. A. Edwards of Darlington to Deacon

Norwich District

Colin Allred of Lowestoft to Deacon
Thomas Robert Bullard of Lowestoft to Deacon
Gary Blake Munsee of Ipswich to Priest

Nottingham District

David Alexander Paton of Eastwood to Priest

Welsb District

James Smith of Cardiff to Elder
Christopher George Baralos of Cardiff to Deacon

Weddings

Sister Joan Taggart of Belfast was married to Mr. Robert Crawford in the Lynn Memorial Church on March 25. The honeymoon was spent in Glasgow.

The newly-decorated chapel at Bradford made a beautiful setting for the wedding of Ronnie Bray and Esme Aubrey. The ceremony took place on May 4. Elder Bray has just returned from his mission. The bride made a very pretty picture in her dress of white satin with a net overskirt. Elder Summersell of the Bournemouth Branch performed the ceremony. The Huddersfield Branch are very happy to welcome the new Sister Bray into their midst

and hope she will be very happy with them.

Deaths

Agnes Hodge Brealey of Burnley Branch, Liverpool District.

Brother Charles Diston, 67, a devoted and faithful member of the Sunderland Branch died on March 11. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Rayne, on Friday, March 15, by President F. W. Oates.

On Monday, April 22, Sister Sidonie Arnoll of the Wythenshawe Branch passed away. Sister Arnoll was a very active worker in the Branch and will be especially missed for her wonderful work with the Drama group.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS:

May 3, 1957

Elder Richard LeRoy Peterson
Sister Dora Foresta Gilson

From

Ephraim, Utah
Cleveland, Utah

Assigned to
Leeds
Scotland

RELEASES:

May 3, 1957

Elder Howard Andrew Pierson
Elder Alvin Gene Ferrin

LaGrande, Oregon
Salt Lake City, Utah

Scottish, Leeds
Scottish, Nottingham

May 8, 1957

Sister Marjorie Pearl Fyffe
Sister Ruth Butler

Central, Arizona
Jerome, Idaho

Welsh, London, Liverpool
Hull, Manchester

May 18, 1957

Elder Vern G. Stembridge
May 22, 1957
Sister Joyce Lundgreen

Peoa, Utah

London, Birmingham

Ogden, Utah

London Office, Birmingham, Scottish



ELDER
HOWARD A. PIERSON



ELDER
ALVIN G. FERRIN



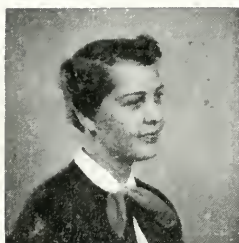
SISTER
MARJORIE P. FYFFE



**SISTER
RUTH BUTLER**



**ELDER
VERN G. STEMBRIDGE**



**SISTER
JOYCE LUNDGREEN**

TRANSFERS:

Sister Janet Cotton-Betteridge
Elder Robert Len Puffer
Elder Richard T. Bentley
Elder Lee C. Chamberlain
Elder Dale F. Allen
Elder Lee A. Brown
Elder Vance H. Walker
Sister Gillian M. Wheatley

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Leeds	Nottingham	April 9, 1957
Sheffield	Nottingham	April 23, 1957
Liverpool	Bristol	April 23, 1957
Nottingham	Liverpool	April 23, 1957
Bristol	Leeds	April 23, 1957
Bristol	Sheffield	April 23, 1957
Leeds	Bristol	April 23, 1957
Liverpool	Manchester	May 13, 1957

BAPTISMS:

Bristol District

Glyn Ernest Vernon of Bristol
Ivy Doreen Wills of Bristol
Murray Francis Whitlock Collins of Bristol

Birmingham District

Linda Diane MacFarlane of Coventry
Annie Mary MacFarlane of Coventry
Cheryl Elizabeth Lander of Wolverhampton
Marie Heaney of Coventry
Albert Charles Austin of Coventry
Doreen Emily Howe of Wolverhampton
Jack Lionel Howe of Wolverhampton
Norah Elsie Colson of Birmingham
Donald Christopher Colson of Birmingham

Hull District

William Henry Brattan of Hull
Rosalie Fletcher of Hull
George Theaker of Hull
Pauline June Pooley of York
Barbara Lenahan of Grimsby
Maureen Tooley of Grimsby
James Lenahan of Grimsby

Irish District

William McLean Taylor of Belfast
Albert James Douglas of Belfast
Raymond Samuel Douglas of Belfast
Samuel James Douglas of Belfast
Maude Greer Douglas of Belfast
Nancy Reid Deveney of Belfast
John Ferris Deveney of Belfast

London District

Mabel Olive Dix of South London
Wilfred Dix of South London
Denise Lesley Haynes of South London

Manchester District

Jennifer Edith Oldham of Wythenshawe
Jennifer Doris Bates of Wythenshawe
Jillian Bates of Wythenshawe
Jacqueline Pamela Ann Lomas of Wythenshawe
Margaret Medora Owens of Stockport
Marilyn Susan Sherratt of Stockport

Newcastle District

Edith Menhennet of Middlesbrough

Norwich District

Margaret Victoria Lee of Gorleston
James Charles Ockendon of Chelmsford
Doris May Ockendon of Chelmsford
Roy William Ockendon of Chelmsford
Edith May Hudson of Gorleston
Antonie John C. Osborn of Southend
Frederick Beaumont Evans of Gorleston
Irene Mavis Evans of Gorleston
Philip John Dearlove of Southend
Michael Reginald Jacobs of Southend
E. Jacobs Montague of Southend
Peggy Doris Jacobs of Southend
Connell Fleming of Norwich

Nottingham District

Josephine Ann Becson of Leicester
Helen Swinscoe of Mansfield
Geraldine Swinscoe of Mansfield
Julianne Swinscoe of Mansfield
Laura Margaret McKay of Derby
Ann Patricia Woodward of Nottingham
Garth Anthony Woodward of Nottingham
Clarence Wright Woodward of Nottingham
Keith Lawrence Woodward of Nottingham
Eileen King Woodward of Nottingham
David A. G. Palmer of Leicester

Scottish District

Reginald H. T. Forbes of Edinburgh
Elizabeth Violet Walsh of Edinburgh
Margaret Ann Merrilees of Edinburgh
Agnes McPherson B. Merrilees of Edinburgh
Ann Chalmers Merrilees of Edinburgh
Lawrence Hill Cavin of Dundee
Mary Thomas Field Cavin of Dundee
George Carstairs McSloy of Aberdeen
Annie McLennen McIntosh McSloy of Aberdeen
Francis Mary McSloy of Aberdeen
David Stobo McIntosh Wilde of Glasgow
Ida Yvlie Morland Wilde of Glasgow

Sheffield District

Ethel Cassidy of Rotherham
Margaret Ann Cassidy of Rotherham
Stanley Cassidy of Rotherham

Welsh District

Gillian Morgan of Merthyr Tydfil
Blodwen Dee Davies of Merthyr Tydfil

The First Vision . . .

IN THE MIDST of this war of words and tumult of opinions, I often said to myself: What is to be done? Who of all these parties are right; or, are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?

. . . in accordance with . . . my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt. It was on the morning of a beautiful, clear day, early in the spring of eighteen hundred and twenty. It was the first time in my life that I had made such an attempt, for amidst all my anxieties I had never as yet made the attempt to pray vocally.

After I had retired to the place where I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desire of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so when immediately I was seized upon by some power, which entirely overcame me and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak.

But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me . . . I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other, *This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!*

JOSEPH SMITH 2:10-17



*When we build, let us think that
we build for ever.*

*Let it not be for present delight, nor for
present use alone.*

*Let it be such work as our descendants will
thank us for*

And let us think, as we lay stone on stone

*That a time is to come when these stones
will be held sacred*

Because our hands have touched them ;

*And men will say, as they look upon the labour
and wrought substance of them :*

See, This our fathers did for us.

JOHN RUSKIN